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SUBJ: SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS--NONMILITARY ASPECTS

1. NONMILITARY ASPECTS OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT WERE RAISED ONLY IN PASSING IN ROUND 10, WITH SPANISH SIDE ASKING (A) HOW MUCH US PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE FOR CULTURAL COOPERATION PROGRAM; (B) AMOUNT OF US CONTRIBUTION FOR "ANNUAL" SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAMS; AND (C) US VIEWS ON THE SPANISH PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A BINATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY INSTITUTE IN SPAIN. A RESPONSE TO THESE QUERIES WAS PROMISED AFTER THE ROUND VIA THIS EMBASSY.

2. WE HAVE NOW BEEN ASKED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE THESE RESPONSES SOON, IF POSSIBLE. HE HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSIONS GO FORWARD IN THE NEAR FUTURE REGARDING STRUCTURAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPERVISING COOPERATION IN ALL OF THESE FIELDS.

3. HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED TO PROMOTE THE SOLAR ENERGY INSTITUTE PROJECT, IN WHICH HE IS PERSONALLY CLEARLY THE PRIME

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MOVER. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS HERE, HE HAS SUGGESTED THE

SENDING OF AN AMERICAN TEAM TO LOOK FOR A SITE AND TO DETERMINE OTHER NEEDS OF SUCH A CENTER, PROMISING FULL COOPERATION IN OBTAINING WHATEVER SPECIAL PRIVILEGES MIGHT BE NEEDED. HE SEES SUCH A PROJECT BEING BASED ROUGHLY ON THE MODEL OF THE SUCCESSFUL BILATERAL COOPERATION EXISTING WITH NASA HERE IN SPAIN, WHILE ADMITTING THAT INITIALLY THE SPANISH WOULD BE ABLE TO BRING LITTLE EXPERTISE TO BEAR.

4. WE HAVE NOT ENCOURAGED HIM TO THINK THAT AN AMERICAN TEAM MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. WE DO BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD BE MORE THAN PLEASED, INSTEAD, TO TRAVEL HIMSELF TO WASHINGTON TO TALK TO US SOLAR ENERGY EXPERTS. SHOULD THIS POSSIBILITY INTEREST THE DEPT, WE COULD PURSUE IT HERE.
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